

Mayor and Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 24, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Pledge

Roll Call - Harrington, Smith, Greenfield, Stull, Castle, Bell; all present

Mayor's Remarks -

Proclamation to Brunswick Orioles Baseball Team - won World Series in their division - Mayor proclaims August 28 & 29, 2004 Brunswick Orioles Days in Brunswick - Mayor thanks Roger Dawson, Coach

Roger Dawson recognizes players present at meeting and thanks Mayor & Council

Personnel Changes - Leo Miller, Assistant Superintendent of Waste Water Treatment Plant - last day September 6, 2004

Rob Deckhut, Police Officer - also leaving

Kline Pavement to begin milling on 300 & 400 Block of Brunswick Street, Florida Avenue from Brunswick Street to B Street, B Street from Circle to Dayton Avenue, 2nd Avenue from Potomac to A Street

Much more paving to be accomplished, but trying to stretch FY05 Budget to get worse streets first

Approval of Minutes - July 27, 2004

Motion to approve - Stull

2nd - Castle

Vote 6-0

Citizen's Forum -

No Comments

Old Business -

Residential Parking Program - Wintergreen Lane

Mayor states history of Residential Parking Program for City. Had a 21 resident petition from Wintergreen Lane residents expressing desire to begin Parking Program. Program passed by Council on May 25, 2004. Prior to start-up of program, negative reaction received from residents. Proper actions were taken by Mayor and Council regarding this matter, but due to number of complaints and concerns, issue up for re-discussion.

Smith - States he will recuse himself from issue

Kay Coates - 207 Wintergreen Lane

Medical & health issues prevented her from being at first meeting. Doesn't see why she should pay to park in front of her own house or on a road she pays taxes on. Doesn't feel one visitor pass per house is enough.

Mayor points out that City did not seek out this program, but rather residents brought the petition to the City's attention. States that signing a petition without knowing exactly what you're signing is like signing blank checks.

Anne Whisonaut - 206 Wintergreen Lane

Did sign petition, but now wishes she hadn't. In opposition of program because freedom is taken away. Feels residents worked out parking situation on their own before, doesn't see this as a solution for the parking problem.

Rick Weldon - 231 Wintergreen Lane

Original petition was to cover first block of Wintergreen Lane for parking and reckless driving issues. Suggests maybe splitting Wintergreen Lane into two blocks, since 2nd block isn't really affected.

Tanya Childs - 213 Wintergreen Lane

Agrees that problem is only in first block of Wintergreen Lane. One visitor parking pass not enough per household.

Harrington - Reminds residents that program only in effect when school is in session...doesn't include evenings, weekends, or holidays, as some residents are including in their complaints.

Jamie Eshbaugh - 200 Wintergreen Lane

Never had problems with parking issues. Wants Mayor and Council to reevaluate program. States that high school kids are very capable of duplicating parking passes to use themselves.

Betsy Leber - 229 Wintergreen Lane

Problem exists in first block of Wintergreen Lane. Has witnessed cars blocking resident driveways and speeding.

Earl Coates - 207 Wintergreen Lane

Should reconsider program.

Toni Wetzel - 218 Wintergreen Lane

Traffic main problem on road, not parking. Kids are running stop signs and using intersection as a turn around.

David Llewellyn - 210 Wintergreen Lane

Agrees problem exists in first block. Thinks speeding is a problem among kids and residents.

Mayor - Asks for Council thoughts

Harrington - In favor of making program for first block of Wintergreen Lane only. Thinks it's unfair for any resident to have to pay for a Residential Parking Permit in any area of the City.

Bell - Questions dialog with school on this issue?

Mayor - We have talked to school. Tenth graders cannot park on school property.

Bell - Thinks school should look at their program because they have extra spaces available that aren't getting used.

Mayor - The school issue is County-wide.

Stull - Concerns about kids simply parking in another area if they're not allowed to park on Wintergreen.

Motion to limit Residential Parking Program to first block of Wintergreen Lane (between Cummings and Tamarak) and charge no fee for parking permits that will go to residents in that block - Harrington

2nd for discussion - Castle

Questions visitor passes?

Mayor - Doesn't see any reason to limit visitor passes.

Harrington - Restates motion to revise Residential Parking Program to include only first block (Cummings to Tamarak) of Wintergreen Lane, provide free parking passes to residents, and refund money to any residents who already purchased permits

Dave Dunn - How many passes?

Mayor - No limit on number of parking permits or visitor permits

Bell - Points out that any of these passes may be given to relatives of residents that attend school

Mayor - States they will have to identify cars when getting passes, make, model, etc.

2nd - Castle

Vote 4 -1, Bell opposed, Smith abstains

Mayor - States we should probably revisit downtown program, as well

Castle - Meters and commuters are driving force behind that program

Mayor - We will put that issue on agenda soon

New Business -

City Appointments

Mayor - List was handed out about his recommendations

Kevin Brawner being appointed as Superintendent of Water and Waste Water, because we don't have people in those positions. Very important position as we face new design and capacity challenges.

Swears Kevin in.

Motion to appoint - Greenfield

2nd - Stull

Vote 6-0

Darrell Droneburg, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works

Motion to appoint - Stull

2nd - Castle

Vote 6-0

Swears Darrell in.

Don Rough, Police Captain (acting Chief)

Motion to appoint - Castle

2nd - Greenfield

Vote 6-0

Swears Don in.

Mayor - States Chief of Police and Superintendent of Public Works positions being posted.

Dave Dunn, City Administrator

Motion to appoint - Greenfield

2nd - Bell

Vote 6-0

Swears Dave in.

Dave Severn, Severn, O'Connor & Kresslein, PA - City Attorney

Motion to appoint - Stull

2nd - Greenfield

Vote 6-0

Dave Severn - Thanks Mayor and Council for choosing their firm to represent City. Introduces members of firm.

View Engineering - City Engineer

Motion to appoint - Bell

2nd - Smith
Vote 6-0

Larry Johnson - Thanks Mayor and Council for selecting their company.

Request for Use of City Park Building by Concerned Citizens of Brunswick Heights

Larry Fitzgerald, Vice Chairperson - Reads letter of request (attached)

Motion to approve request to wave fee - Stull
2nd - Greenfield

Bell - Questions if other paid events will take priority over these times?

Geri Reynolds - States they are asking for \$50 deposit to be waved, and they understand about availability of dates.

Mayor - States Concerned Citizens of Brunswick Heights is not established as non-profit yet, would like to understand that is the case.

Vote 6-0

84 Lumber Co. PWA Package - Rick Stup
Staff report distributed on this issue. Public Works Agreement for Water & Sewer, Erosion Control & Storm Water Management, Streets & Storms, Forest Resource Agreement, Modified PWA for grinder pump & water, and Deeds of Easements included. All documents satisfy City requirements. Planning Commission granted approval of documents. Staff recommends approval of PWA package, with few conditions

Smith - Grinder pump going to be used?

Rick - Grinder pump will be used and same fees will be charged, i.e. capacity fees.

Bell - Questions possible smell of project.

Rick - We have notarized letter from 84 Lumber concerning this issue.

Motion to approve PWA Package for 84 Lumber with conditions attached - Stull
2nd - Greenfield
Vote 6-0

FCPS MOU for Brunswick Middle School Addition Project - Rick Stup

States proposed improvements, which were approved by Planning Commission in April 2004.
States scope of MOU . Staff recommends approval with four conditions

Motion to approve FCPS MOU with stated conditions - Stull

2nd - Castle

Vote 6-0

Greenfield - Reminder about Parade meeting September 3, 2004, Railroad Days meeting
September 7, 2004; posters available for both events, Kids Karaoke September 10, 2004, 9/11
Ceremony on September 11, 2004

Harrington - Makes available Campaign Funds Report from his recent Mayoral Campaign

Stull - Also submitted same report for Council Campaign

Adjournment

Approved By: _____
Mayor Date

Witnessed By: _____
City Administrator Date